Benefit of SEZ to small and village industries

2721. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small scale industries are eligible to get the benefit of Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details of the industries covered in the SEZ; and

(c) if not, whether Government contemplate such SEZ for the small scale industries especially village industries to be benefited in exclusive export-concessions to enrich the artisans and villagers such as self help groups?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The incentives and benefits offered in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) set up under the SEZ Act, 2005 and the SEZ Rules, 2006 are available to various classes of industries, including the smal scale industries (SSIs).

(c) SEZs are encouraged to be set up by private sector entities, directly or in association with the State Governments concerned in the joint sector or by the State Governments and their agencies. The Central Government does not set up any new SEZ under the above mentioned Act an Rules.

Exhibition organised by NSIC

2722. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details alongwith locations of the exhibitions organised by NSIC for the export promotion during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the assessment of the impact of such exhibitions made and on which criteria such an assessment was made;

(c) whether any database of foreign customers was developed after each of such exhibitions;

(d) if so, the details of number of foreign customers that visited exhibitions and the volume of export orders; and